

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Yoichiro MORI, et al.

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Title SOLUBLE LUBRICATING SURFACE-TREATED
STAINLESS STEEL SHEET WITH EXCELLENT
SHAPABILITY FOR FUEL TANK AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING FUEL TANK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 4-11 and 15 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

- Added*
22. (New) The soluble lubricating surface-treated stainless steel sheet for fuel tanks as claimed in claim 2, wherein the amount of an acid group contained in (A) the soluble polyurethane resin composition for forming a soluble lubricating resin film is from 30 to 180 in terms of an acid value.
23. (New) The soluble lubricating surface-treated stainless steel sheet for fuel tanks as claimed in claim 3, wherein the amount of an acid group contained in (A) the soluble polyurethane resin composition for forming a soluble lubricating resin film is from 30 to 180 in terms of an acid value.
24. (New) The soluble lubricating surface-treated stainless steel sheet for fuel tanks as claimed in claim 2, wherein the neutralizer for the acid group contained in (A) the soluble polyurethane resin composition for forming a soluble lubricating resin film is sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.
25. (New) The soluble lubricating surface-treated stainless steel sheet for fuel tanks as claimed in claim 3, wherein the neutralizer for the acid group contained in (A) the soluble polyurethane resin composition for forming a soluble lubricating resin film is sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.